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South Simcoe Police Constable Carl Jarvis gives Mia, 11, some tips on handling the police motorcycle, at South Division in Bradford.



From left, Unit 2 Sparks Chiara, 6, Danya, 6, and Danica, 5, talk with Special Constable Elisabeth Aschwandan at the South Division Station open house in Bradford.



Officer Isaac and Officer Elisabeth, with Unit 2 Sparks at the South Division Station, during South Simcoe's Police Week in Bradford.



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Seniors housing CIP wins approval

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Bradford West Gwillimbury Council has approved a new Seniors Housing Community Improvement Plan, providing incentives for the construction of seniors' accommodation - including rebates off-setting building fees, and a grant equal to 100% of the Development Charges owing on construction, in the first year of the program.

Staff had originally proposed rebating only 50% of the DCs payable, but after requests for reconsideration, a report agreed that

the annual taxation generated by a project would exceed the Development Charges lost. "Given the results of that analysis and the clear priority that Council has placed on delivering new seniors housing within the County," staff increased the rebate to 100%.

Staff also suggested that the CIP program be terminated once "at least 100 units" of Seniors Housing have been built.

"We're setting the bar a little low," said Councilor Gary Baynes, urging the Town set a target of 200 to 250 units, to support more than one project. With the population slated

to grow to 50,000 by 2031, and so many former Bradford residents moving to facilities in Newmarket and Barrie, due to the current shortage of senior-appropriate housing, he suggested the need will be there.

Council also voted to appoint Deputy Mayor James Leduc to the Seniors Housing CIP Evaluation Committee, and to request that the County of Simcoe grant a matching rebate on County DCs.

The next step in the process will be the preparation of a CIP By-law, and its approval by Council.

Councillors also approved changes to the Downtown Com-

munity Improvement Plan, restarting the program with a 100% DC rebate, simplifying the process, lowering the minimum grant to make a wider range of facade improvements, landscaping and signage eligible for support, and introducing a forgivable loan of up to \$50,000 for some renovations.

Applications still cannot be retroactive, staff noting "it would go against the intent of Community Improvement Plan" - to incentivize rather than reward - but there are urgent situations when repairs could go ahead prior to application.

Similar changes were made to the

Town's Industrial Areas CIPs, for the Artesian and Reagens Industrial areas.

Council approved the changes, and made one of their own - proposing that the Downtown CIP Area be expanded to include the Bradford Curling Club, at 125 Simcoe Rd.

The motion was made by Councilor Gary Baynes, and seconded by Mayor Rob Keffer, who agreed that a site specific CIP designation for the Curling Club "would help for their accessibility renovations."

Again, By-laws will come back to Council for approval.

Pay increase for Police Services Board

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

A Citizen's Ad Hoc Committee, appointed by the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board to review the remuneration paid to Board members, has recommended a pay hike of over 40%.

That's because the current level of remuneration - about \$2,000 per year - has never gone up since the amal-

gamated Police Services Board was first established in 1997. The compensation paid is the 2nd-lowest of the Boards studied by the Committee, comprised of Human Resources professionals Valerie Bardy, Andrew Belanger and chair Ron Purchase.

"We sort of all knew intuitively what had to be done," Purchase told the Board on May 16 - to first identify the comparators, then collect and analyse key data. The commit-

tee found that compensation tends to increase with population - but the remuneration paid to the BWC-Innisfil Board, which deals with the South Simcoe Police Service and a population of approximately 60,000, was "lower than many communities with much lower population levels," Purchase noted.

The Committee recommended increasing the base level of compensation "closer to the average of

the comparables." Remuneration ranged from a low of \$824 in Grey-West County, to a high of \$7,468 in Sudbury; average was \$3,522. The committee recommended a base line pay of \$3,250.

In addition, a 10% supplement for the Vice Chair and 20% supplement for the Chair of the Board were proposed, reflecting the positions' added responsibilities - as well as maintaining a \$100 per diem to cover

non-regular meetings and training sessions, mileage for use of personal vehicles, and repayment of out-of-pocket expenses.

The recommendations were approved and adopted by the Board, to take effect January 1, 2017.

Chair Rod Hicks thanked the committee for its work. Member, Innisfil Mayor Gord Wauchope agreed. "Obviously we had 3 very qualified people doing this."

Simcoe Road open for business

Construction on Simcoe Road is underway - but don't be put off by the "Road Closed" sign. Simcoe Road is open for business. Motorists can still access Ferragine Greenhouses,

St. Charles Catholic School, the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, and Green Valley

Alliance Church without taking a detour. Motorists are simply advised to leave a little extra time to get to their destination, since road construction may cause delays.

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Police BRIEFS... Multi-jurisdictional Drug Bust

A co-ordinated, multi-jurisdictional investigation involving officers from Barrie Police, South Simcoe Police and Ontario Provincial Police resulted in the seizure of a significant amount of cocaine, destined for the street. During the 6 month investigation, police dismantled a complex drug operation and seized over 7 kilos of cocaine, and in the early morning hours of May 12, executed search warrants at 5 addresses in Barrie, 3 in Bradford, and one in Oro-Medonte. Also seized were 4 vehicles, cash, electronics, cell phones and drug paraphernalia; total value of drugs and other items seized came to over \$500,000. Investigation is ongoing.

Eleven people have been arrested, including 8 males and 3 females, who face multiple charges of Trafficking, Possession for the purpose of trafficking, and Possession, relating to cocaine. Over 100 charges were laid. Seven of the accused appeared in bail court on May 13 in Barrie. Those charged include:

- 36 year old Barrie male – 7 counts of Trafficking cocaine, 9 counts of Possession for the purpose of Trafficking cocaine, 9 counts of Possession (cocaine).

- 33 year old Barrie male – 6 counts of Trafficking, 5 counts

- of Possession for the purpose of trafficking, 7 counts of Possession.

- 36 year old Barrie male – 3 counts of Trafficking, 2 counts of Possession for the purpose of trafficking, 3 counts of Possession.

- 35 year old Bradford male – Trafficking, Possession of cocaine.

- 37 year old Bradford male – 2 counts of Trafficking, Possession for the purpose of trafficking, 2 counts of Possession.

- 32 year old Bradford male – 5 counts of Possession for the purpose of trafficking, 6 counts of Possession.

- 33 year old Oro-Medonte male – 2 counts of Possession, Possession for the purpose of trafficking.

- Prescription Drug Drop-Off Saturday, May 21 is Prescription Drug Drop Off Day. Police

agencies across the country are partnering with local pharmacists to accept any unused, expired and unwanted prescription drugs, for proper disposal – preventing the medications from falling into the wrong hands. South Simcoe Police will be partnering with Shoppers Drug Marts in both Bradford and Innisfil between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to take back unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs – and will be at the Barrie Molson Centre with Barrie Police, for drop-offs.

Suspicious fire



The Office of the Fire Marshal is investigating a fire in an empty home on Yonge St. in Bradford West Gwillimbury – the second time that firefighters have been called to the property. BWG Fire & Emergency Services were called to 3832 County Rd. 4 (Yonge) at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, requesting mutual aid from both Innisfil and New Tecumseth fire departments. The vacant two-storey brick farmhouse was gutted in the blaze.

The fire is considered suspicious, and is currently under investigation by South Simcoe Police and the Ontario Fire Marshal. Anyone with information is asked to call South Simcoe Police Detective Constable Kai Johnson at 905-775-3311 ext. 1040, or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS. PAUL NOVOSAD PHOTO

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Opinion

Point of View

From an embarrassment, to an asset...

It may be a small issue in the big scheme of things... but it seems to us that, if the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury plans to retain the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre for use as an Event Centre, it's going to have to invest in renovations to make it more habitable.

Having watched shivering exhibitors and guests at three recent events this spring – the annual Muck Vegetable Growers' Conference, the Bradford Board of Trade's Town & Country Living Show, and this past Sunday, the York-Simcoe Youth Music Show – we can only say that it's way past time for the Town to take action.

A cement floor, uninsulated walls, and deep permafrost extending an estimated 15 metres below the former ice surface is not a combination conducive to human comfort.

It's cold, miserable, and puts a damper on any event.

This would be a perfect infrastructure project, an opportunity to transform a building that has outlived its original function into a valuable asset for

the community.

What about constructing a new insulated floor that would fit overtop of the bare cement – that could be removed on hot summer days, to provide natural cooling? What about insulating the walls, and installing new energy-efficient lighting and heat? What about a facelift, and adding skylights in some areas to bring in more natural light – anything that would help make the old arena something other than a dark, dank, chilly barn?

The Town doesn't have a lot of exhibition space, suitable for major events. It's admirable that Council has expressed a desire to preserve the old arena, which was built by community volunteers and donations in 1955-56. It was thought to be impossible to raise the \$100,000 needed, after the devastation caused by Hurricane Hazel – but community support was so strong that the building was completed on time, and debt-free.

Once a source of pride, the old arena is fast becoming an embarrassment – and definitely needs some TLC, if it's going to once again be an asset.

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Lions Day of Service



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

On Fridays, teams of volunteers take turns, preparing and serving the Bradford West Gwillimbury Community Meal – a free hot dinner at the Bradford United Church, that is open to anyone on a limited income, disability, struggling financially or alone in the community. On May 6, the Bradford & District Lions Club were the servers. It was the District A12 "Lions Day of Service," an event instituted by the District Governor – a day when Lions Clubs give back to their communities, and embody its motto, We are what we do. "Last year, we used the April Pools Day (at the Leisure Centre) as our Day of Service," said Bradford president Jamie Jones. After years of contributing financially to BWG Community Initiatives, the non-profit group that organizes the Community Meal, the Lions decided that this year they would take on the volunteer effort to cook and serve the dinner: Barbecued steak, caesar salad, vegetables and dessert. From left, Bradford Lions Liz Pegg, Deb Hrymk, president Jamie Jones, Debbie Jeske and Bob Pegg, ready to serve the BWG Community Meal.

Letters to the Editor

Trip of a lifetime

To the editor: May 1 to 6 was Catholic Education Week in Ontario.

Schools in our board observed this special week with literacy and numeracy activities, parent engagement events, fundraising initiatives, as well as faith services – including Mass celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School.

We concluded the week by sending more than 100 high school students on life-changing mission trips. A group of students from Jean Vanier Catholic High School in Collingwood will go to the Amazon in Ecuador, while another 90 students from St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School in Barrie, St. Theresa Catholic HS in Midland, and Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary school in Orillia will travel to Tanzania, Africa.

These mission trips are the culmination of a year-long preparation that includes leadership and team-building, as well as studying the history, geography and social conditions in these countries. Students will spend two weeks working on construc-

tion projects to benefit the community, but more importantly they will be building relationships with the people who live there.

During their stay, they will come to a deeper understanding of the living conditions in these rural areas. Those who have returned from similar missions tell a vivid tale of participating in a water walk – where women must walk great distances, several times a day, to draw and carry enough water for daily needs such as cooking and washing.

The lessons learned last long after students return home. They come to realize that the necessities of life – food, water, shelter – are never in question here. Not to mention that there are so many things we take for granted, like access to education, and the ability to actively pursue their life's passion.

We wish our students well and pray for them as they travel abroad. I have no doubt that when they return, they will make a difference for the rest of their lives – in their schools, communities and in our country.

Brian Beal
Director of Education Simcoe Muskoka
Catholic District School Board



THE PARKER-BURBRIDGE MUD BLOCK HOME AS IT APPEARED IN 2013, A DESIGNATED HERITAGE BUILDING IN BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY, ONT.

Heritage in BWG

It's a simple matter to list a property on the Municipal Heritage Registry; all that is needed is for the property to meet criteria set by the Heritage Committee. It's a different story when it comes to Designation.

Heritage Designation is a much lengthier, in-depth process. There are 6 key steps which need to be followed before a property can be Designated:

- Identification of the property.
 - Research and evaluation of the property.
 - Serving notice of the intent to designate to the owner.
 - Passing the Designating by-law; note that an owner can appeal.
 - Listing on the municipal registry of designated properties.
 - Listing on the provincial registry.
- Whether a building is important for its architecture

and design, connection to a significant event or person, or as part of the narrative of the community, protection of its heritage value and conservation of the structure are very important, and the responsibility of the Heritage Committee and the municipality.

One BWG property that has been Designated is the Parker-Burbridge House, a Georgian-style home of mud block construction on the 8th Line, west of 10 Sideroad. It was built circa 1830 by Thomas Parker, an Irish Paoline from Limerick County in Ireland. Parker was not only a Captain of the Militia, at the time of the Upper Canada Rebellion in 1837, he was one of the first Reeves of West Gwillimbury Township, serving 2 terms.

Originally on 250 acres, the property now sits on 1.5 acres, and the home, constructed as one- and half-stories, is now a two-storey structure, with the addition of a Mansard roof in 1906 by the Hounscome fam-

ily.

This is one of the few remaining mud block buildings in Ontario. The home retains its original wide plank flooring on all levels, original hand-planned window sashes on three sides, original baseboards and front door frame, and switchback staircase. A brick veneer was added at a later time. The stately home has been painted by Canadian artist Walter Campbell.

The home was purchased by Robert and Holly Burbridge in 1996, and sold to current owners Marisa and Cameron Preece five years ago. The Preece have maintained the heritage aspects of their home, even uncovering a sample of the original wallpaper from the 1860s – and it was with pride that they opened their doors for the 2013 BWG Local History Association's Heritage Home Tour.

Article courtesy of the BWG Heritage Committee

Photo Fix Day, at Modern Memories

Bradford - Do you have a treasured photo that is ripped, scratched, faded, bent, stained or otherwise damaged? Modern Memories, a new company launched in Bradford 6 months ago by brothers Brad and Jeff Houghton, is planning a Photo Fix Day. On June 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the office of Modern Memories, 136 John St. West, the brothers will be restoring

photos free of charge - for a cash donation to the Bradford Local History Association. Damaged photos will be digitally repaired, a new photo printed out, and a copy sent to your email address.

Modern Memories has been accepted into the Young Entrepreneurs Starter Program, through York Region. The company specializes in digitally capturing photos, slides, negatives, VHS tapes

and film reels, and both Brad and Jeff have become adept at restoring old photos. For more information see www.modernmemories.ca and check /restoration to see some examples of their work.

Modern Memories invites the community to share their photos and stories, on Photo Fix Day - drop in, restore your photos, and raise funds for the BWG Local History Association.

Briefs

Haunted Simcoe County

Cate Crow and Amy Woodcock's first book, *Haunted Cockstown*, sold out - although it's still available through Amazon.

Now Crow is working on a second book, with sensitive Mary Graham, about hauntings in and around Simcoe County - and is asking residents to share their stories of haunted spaces and encounters. Crow and Graham are especially interested in stories "off the beaten path", and tales that have not yet been covered by other authors of ghostly doings.

Anyone with information on interesting haunted locales and sites in and around Simcoe County that could be investigated by Crow, Graham and their team - including Woodcock, and sensitive Sheila Trecartin - is asked to email catecrow63@yahoo.ca

There is a Wall of Honour at the Museum on the Boyne, the pioneer museum at 250 Fletcher Crescent in Alliston, that recognizes individuals who contribute to the preservation of local history and heritage.

Every year, a new "heritage hero" is recognized, from South Simcoe. This year, two names will be inducted on May 28, both from Bradford West Gwillimbury. The honorees are the late Ron Simpson, a town councillor who shared his insight into construction with local history groups, and David Chambers of Bond Head. The ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. on May 28, with light refreshments to follow. Please RSVP to 705-435-4030 ext. 1802 or boymuseum@newticeseth.ca.

More heritage and history: • The BWG Local History Association meets on Saturday, May 28 at 2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West. Joe Zajack will

Wall of Honour

share "Bradford Memorabilia." All welcome.

• The Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association's **Heritage Home Tour**, a fundraiser for the restoration of the Auld Kirk, takes place on Sunday, June 12 - a self-directed tour of six fascinating buildings, from the circa 1840 Charter Store in Newton Robinson, to the 1903 Middleton School, converted into a private residence. Doors will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, for a brochure featuring a map to the locations, and refreshment stop at the home of Louis and Joy Theriault. Louis will showcase a portion of his extensive collection of hand-carved replica figures and other vintage items. Tickets are available at Bradford Print Shoppe, Nancy's Nitty Nook and The Pink Closet, or call Ann, 905-895-3440 or Mikki, 905-775-4011 for more information. Note: No children under 12 or pets, please.

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Town Council

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole

• Tue. Jun. 7 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Board/Committee

Traffic Committee

• Tue. May 24 @ 6:30 p.m. – Engineering Services
305 Barrie St., Unit 2, Boardroom

Committee of Adjustment

• Wed. May 25 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Economic Development Advisory Committee

• Wed. May 25 @ 6:30 p.m. – Engineering Services
305 Barrie St., Unit 2, Boardroom

Council Highlights

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• 2016-WOOSM – Wastewater Operator
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Sewer Flushing Underway

The Town of BWG cleans its sewer system regularly to ensure it functions properly, and to protect public health and the environment. The sewer flushing program started at the end of April and will continue until the end of October.

Details on the process are available at:
www.townofbwg.com/SewerFlush

If you have questions or experience issues, please contact the Town's Wastewater Division at 905-775-3252.

NOTICE: Canal Road - Temporary Lane Restrictions

From **May 24 to June 3, 2016**, there will be temporary lane restrictions on Canal Road for the installation of guiderails.

We will endeavour to minimize disruptions to motorists. We thank you for your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.

For more information, contact us at 905-778-4321.

Temporary Road Closures

Temporary "rolling" road closures are scheduled for the **Procession of Santissima Trindade** hosted by the Holy Martyrs of Japan Church and the Portuguese Cultural Centre, as follows:

Sun. May 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

- Church St. from Holy Martyrs of Japan to Fletcher St.
- Fletcher St. from Church St. to Barrie St.
- Barrie St. from Fletcher St. to Queen St.
- Queen St. from Barrie St. to Church St.
- Church St. from Queen St. to Holy Martyrs of Japan

Victoria Day Closures

All Town offices will be closed and BWG Transit will not be running on Monday, May 23, 2016 for Victoria Day.

On behalf of the Mayor, Members of Council and Staff, we wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Events & Activities



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Notice: Bradford-Innisfil Watermain Topographical Surveys

Pursuant to Sections 34(10.4) and 34(12) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

WHAT:

The Town of BWG is planning for the addition of a secondary supply water main between BWG and the Town of Innisfil to ensure adequate water supply for our growing community.

In preparation, topographical surveys will be conducted between the road right-of-ways to identify and map out the three-dimensional characteristics and existing features of the land, both above and below the surface. This survey will serve as a base map in the design of the secondary watermain.

Cole Engineering Group Ltd. has been retained to provide the specialized consulting services for this project. They have retained Lloyd & Purcell Ltd. as sub-consultants to conduct topographical surveying.

WHERE:

Topographical surveys will be conducted along the expected path of the watermain as follows: (see map below)

- beginning at the John Fennell Reservoir (at the intersection of Sideroad 10 and Line 12), and continuing east along Line 12 to County Road 4
- along County Road 89 from County Road 4 to Sideroad 20
- along Sideroad 20 from County Road 89 to the Booster Pumping Station at Line 3
- at the John Fennell Reservoir site and the Line 3 Booster Pumping Station site

WHEN:

Surveys will be conducted between mid-May and late August, 2016.

HOW YOU MAY BE AFFECTED:

There should be no impact of the surveying to residents; however, motorists are asked to drive carefully around surveyors on the roadside to ensure everyone's safety.

In addition to the survey activity, other preliminary investigation will be conducted including geotechnical investigations, natural science and tree inventory assessment, and archeological assessment.

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Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following:
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Holland Marsh Drainage System Board

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Celebrate Safely!

Residents should be aware that in BWG, you are permitted to set off "family fireworks" on your own property only on Victoria Day, Canada Day and the two days immediately before and after those days.

All reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure no harm to people or property.

To learn about the right precautions to take, please visit our website for tips from BWG Fire & Emergency Services:

www.townofbwg.com/fireworks

Town of BWG By-law 1996-024

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July 7, 2016
Bradford Highlands Golf Club

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Launching the 40th annual Upper Canada Mail Run for Easter Seals funded by Joe Persechini - from left, BWO Councillor Risi Sandhu, Mayor Rob Kellar, Pat Ritsch of Exhale Spa & Salon, Joe Persechini, International Platform Artist Anthony Watson, and Councillor Gary Baynes, in Bradford, Ont. on Wednesday May 4, 2016.

Charity Runs, Walks and Rides

9th Annual Race for Plunkett Torch Run for Special Olympics hosted by York Regional Police on Wednesday, May 25 in Newmarket - a 5K or 10K run along Tom Taylor Trail. The Torch Run will start at Riverwalk Commons, with registration between 4 and 6 p.m., to pick up a Torch Run t-shirt, race kit and electronic timing chip, visit police displays, enjoy music, and meet local Special Olympians. A short ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. The Law Enforcement Flame of Hope will be carried in by Special Olympic athletes, and Olympians and runners will accompany the torch 700 metres to the starting line at Fairy Lake Park. See www.guelphandendurance.com

Rotary Club of Innisfil Fun Run & Walkathon takes place Saturday, May 28 at Innisfil Beach Park. Timed Run on a 5K or 10K route, Walkathon, Children's mini run awards, vendors and a Charity BBQ, raising money for the new Rotary Trail at the Town of Innisfil Campus Lands. Adult Registration is \$35, Children 7 to 12 - \$10; includes a Fun Run T-shirt. To register go to raceroster.com/5167. For more information, contact Rick Elsmere, rotaryinnisfil@gmail.com or 647-981-8082. Registration on the day of the Run/Walkathon begins

at 7 a.m., Opening ceremonies 8:30 a.m., Run begins 9 a.m. - rain or shine! All welcome.

The 40th Annual Upper Canada Mail Easter Seals Run or Walk, founded by Joe Persechini, takes place on Sunday, May 29 at Newmarket's Riverwalk Commons, 200 Doug Duncan Dr. following Tom Taylor Trail through Fairy Lake Park. This year's theme: 'Keepin' it Retro. Sign up for the 5K or 10K timed Run or 5K Walk, and raise money for Easter Seals and children in the region with physical disabilities. See eastersealsrun.com, for information, to register, download pledge forms, or begin online fundraising. Registration on Race Day begins at 7 a.m., 10K Run starts at 8 a.m., 5K Run at 8:05 a.m., with Ceremonies and Awards at 9:00 a.m., and the 5K Walk and 1K Kilometers for Kids at 9:45 a.m.

Walk for Alzheimer's in Barrie on Thursday, June 2, at the Southshore Community Centre. Registration begins at 5 p.m., the walk begins 6 p.m. with refreshments and prizes from 7 to 8 p.m. A new fundraiser for the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County. For more information or to register online, see support.alzheimer.ca and go to the Ontario, Barrie page.

The 6th Annual Memorial Ride 4 Styles, in memory of Const. Garrett Styles, Sun-

day, June 5. Register for a 45K or 70 K cycling route; registration is \$25 before May 20; \$45 after May 20. Food and refreshments provided along the route, with a wrap-up BBQ. The Ride starts and finishes at the Community Safety Village, 2921 Stouffville Rd. in Stouffville; check in at 7 a.m., Ride begins at 8 a.m. - a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region, and the Aga Khan Foundation Canada; a donation will also be made to the Canadian Police Memorial Ride to Remember. For information and to register, see yrc.ca/Ride-Styles or contact Det. Karim (Ken) Bardal, 9616@yrc.ca or 1-866-876-5423 ext. 6671.

The 29th Annual Beel Heart&Stroke Ride for Heart takes place Sunday, June 5 - a premier cycling event on a traffic-free Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway. This year, the event will include a new 5K/10K Run and 5K Walk, presented by ASPIN®'s King - all to raise money in support of research at medical institutions, universities, hospital and communities across Canada. Both events will start and finish at Exhibition Place in Toronto. To register for the Beel Heart&Stroke Ride for Heart, call 416-486-RIDE (7433) or see www.rideforheart.ca

Lions collect E-Waste in Bond Head



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Bond Head Lion Brenda Vernon, inside the trailer at the start of the electronic waste collection on May 7. Members of the Bond Head & District Lions Club held an "E-waste" Collection at the Bond Head Hall - inviting residents to drop off their unwanted electronics, from old television sets to toasters, for recycling. The collection not only kept the electronics out of landfill - a Mother's Day gift for Mother Earth - it was a fundraiser for the Lions. By the end of the day, the trailer was nearly full. The Lions also collected donations of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank.

Police target distracted drivers

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police 2016 Drive Safe! Campaign is targeting distracted driving.

For the seventh year in a row, distracted driving has out-striped impaired driving as the No. 1 cause of fatalities on Ontario roads. Distracted Drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a collision.

South Simcoe Police have joined the campaign, asking drivers to put down the cell phone, ignore the distractions, concentrate on driving - and change the statistics.

South Simcoe Police are looking for distracted drivers,

and warning that in recent years, the fines and penalties have both increased.

The penalties for operating a motor vehicle while holding or using a hand-held communication device now include three demerit points and a minimum fine of \$490, on conviction. Distracted drivers may also face a charge of Careless Driving - the penalty for which includes six demerit points, a fine of up to \$2000, and/or a jail term of six months, and a licence suspension of up to two years on conviction.

Police are reminding motorists that hand-held devices are not the only distraction.

Adjusting the entertainment or GPS unit or stereo, eating and drinking, self-grooming, or tending to children in the back seat may also constitute distracted driving. "The true danger to public safety while driving is the distraction, not the device."

The 2016 Drive Safe! R.I.D.E. Traffic safety campaign includes a booklet, with information on Ontario's Distracted Driving and Move Over laws, as well as the dangers of drinking and driving, stoned, or stunt driving. The booklets are available at both North and South Division stations.

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Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities Corporation, and PowerStream Inc. have applied for approval to amalgamate to form LDC Co. and for LDC Co. to purchase and amalgamate with Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. and continue as LDC Co.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities Corporation, and PowerStream Inc. have applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to amalgamate to form LDC Co. Approval is also requested for LDC Co. to purchase the shares of Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. for \$607 million subject to certain adjustments, and then to amalgamate and continue as LDC Co. The applicants say that ratepayers will not pay the costs of these changes or the premium for the purchase of Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. The applicants say that electricity rates for customers of each of Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities Corporation, PowerStream Inc. and Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. will remain separate for ten years from the date the proposed transactions are completed.

As part of this application, the applicants are asking for approval for:

- (a) Enersource Holdings Inc. to buy the shares of Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc.
- (b) PowerStream Inc. to transfer its existing shares of Collus PowerStream Utility Services Corp., to LDC Co.
- (c) The transfer of Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.'s distribution system to LDC Co.
- (d) The transfer of the distribution licences and rate orders of each of Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities Corporation, PowerStream Inc. and Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. to LDC Co.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities Corporation, and PowerStream Inc. We will question the companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of each of the utilities to the proposed amalgamation. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process:

- You can review the application on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **May 30, 2016** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2016-0025**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2016-0025** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The Applicants have requested a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **May 30, 2016**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under sections 86(1)(a) and (c), 86(2)(a) and (b), and 18 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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Briefs

Perogy Dinner, and more

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, is hosting a Perogy Dinner on Saturday, May 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner is \$10-\$12-\$14 for a small-regular-large dinner of perogies, sausage or meat-on-a-stick, salad, dessert, tea, coffee or juice. Side orders of Sausage, Borscht and cabbage rolls available at a reasonable price. All welcome. A fundraiser for the church.

Moleben for St. Jude

The Youth Group of the Eparchy of Toronto will be hosting a complimentary lunch followed by a Moleben (Prayer Service) to St. Jude at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite) located in Bond Head, at 56 Hearn St., 12 to 2:30 p.m. The community is welcome.

Tulip Time Tea

Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, located at 62 Church St., hosts a Tulip Time Tea on Saturday, May 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tea, Door prizes, and a Bake Sale, \$10 per person, \$5 for children 10 and under. For tickets, please contact Sheryl McPhail, 905-775-1134 or Lorna Oldreive, 905-853-8170. And wear your best spring bonnet.

Treasure Sale

Bradford United Church will host another Treasure Sale on Saturday, May 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Church, 66 Barrie St. Treasures culled from members' attics, cupboards, closets and basements can be yours, for a donation to the church. Rent a table for \$15, and hold your own garage sale; call 905-775-7268 to reserve.

Euchre Party

Bradford United Church holds a Euchre Party, Saturday, May 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at 66 Barrie St. - \$10 at the door, for refreshments, prizes, and a social afternoon of cards. All welcome.

Santissima Trindade

The Festival of Immaculate Santissima Trindade de Bradford – Festival of the Holy Trinity, in Bradford – will be taking place May 20-22, starting on Friday with the blessing of bread, wine and meat, and distribution to members, at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, at 3 p.m.

On Saturday, May 21, there will be a celebration at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, at 4 p.m. – and on Sunday, May 22, there will be a procession from the home of the Mordomos (Hosts) Norbert and Maria Madores to Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church at 12:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 2 p.m. and a free dinner, dance and bazaar starting at 4 p.m. at the Centre, to which everyone is welcome!

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Taking the first steps to mental health

JOLENE HEIDA
Individual & Family Therapist

The hardest part of any journey is taking the first step.

This saying is true for many things in life, and getting support for mental health is certainly one of them.

Often, by the time a person is ready to ask for help, they have struggled alone for some time. The reasons? Not knowing where to turn, hoping things will get better on their own, the stigma that surrounds mental illness.

As Bradford grows, so does the number of services available in the community – but having services on hand isn't enough. Knowing where to go to get help is important; the belief that it is okay, normal and healthy to get help is critical.

The stigma that surrounds mental health can be crippling.

It creates a silence that can hold people back from living their best lives by making them less likely to talk about their issues, sometimes until it is too late. Stigma sends a message that if you are experiencing anxiety or depression there is something wrong with you – that you are not strong enough, that you are a burden on your friends and family.

So how can you help end stigma? Educate yourself. One in 5 people in Canada will struggle with mental health issues in their lifetime. This means at least one person you know – a friend, family member or co-worker.

Offer support. Be available to listen, and help people realize that they are not the problem. Listening without judging can be one of the most powerful things you can do for a loved one.

Avoid minimizing the situation or blaming the person. Instead, help people build confidence in themselves by being available, listening, and letting them know that you are there to support them.

Understand that getting help is normal – and the more we normalize this, the easier it will be for children, youth and families to be able to access support when they need it. Families should not see mental health as a deficit, but rather, a normal part of life. Just as you would go to the dentist if you had a toothache, you should seek professional support for your mental and emotional well-being.

Taking the first step by getting help is often the most difficult, but the payoff – happiness and peace of mind – is worth it. Together we can help people change their story.

Walking for mental health



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Building awareness – ending the stigma. Kids at Fieldcrest Elementary School walked for Mental Health Week, and raised funds for the MOBYSS mobile youth drop-in clinic in Bradford on May 6. Students at Fieldcrest Elementary School marked Mental Health Week by walking for mental health awareness, and for MOBYSS – the Canadian Mental Health Association's mobile youth drop-in clinic, that brings services and a listening ear to young people in York Region and South Simcoe. On May 6, the whole school participated in the outdoor walk – contributing loonies and twonies to support mental health services in the community, and raising \$233.95 so far.

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Fundraising for the trip of a lifetime

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

High School student Holly Gordon-Meschino, 15, is preparing for the trip of a lifetime.

This summer, she will be travelling to Tanzania in Africa, one of 19 Simcoe-Muskoka students accepted into the Social Justice 'Theory to Action' Program organized by Me to We/Free the Children. For two weeks, the students will be living and working in rural Tanzania, helping local residents build sustainable infrastructure.

"I want to see Tanzania through my own eyes, and not just what is shown on television. I want to see how people in other parts of the world live, and see how this is both similar and different from Canada," Holly says. "I also hope to make a small difference in the world, and inspire other people to do the same."

But to get there, the Grade 9 student needs to raise \$5,300. The Me to We/Save the Children program asks that the participants cover all of their own costs, so there is no burden on the host country or community.

So far, she has raised over \$1,300 through Christmas Wreath campaign, children's Christmas Party, and flower sales on Administrative Professionals Day.

On Saturday, May 21, Holly and her parents will be hosting a fundraising Garage Sale at 3198 Sidemont 10 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, starting at 8 a.m. She has also set up a fundraising page on GoFundMe,

at gofundme.com/Hollystrip. Donations of cash, or items for the garage sale, are welcomed.

Holly has the full support of her family. "We feel that combining volunteerism with travel at this age will be an enriching experience," says mom Christine Gordon. "Holly will be able to learn about different cultures, languages, history, and human rights issues first hand."

She admits to being a little nervous about the trip, but notes the students will be well-chaperoned. "Their main priority is safety."

Holly and the other students, most from the Barrie area, have been meeting regularly to prepare for the trip, and discuss social justice issues. They leave for Africa in July, and while there, will work on building an addition to the local school, or other infrastructure.

They will also be participating in a "water walk" - walking with local women the long distance to collect and carry fresh water for use back in the village, something that many African women do on a daily basis.

Holly is excited about the trip, but also about the window it will open to a different culture, and what it might inspire. Right now, she isn't sure of her future career path or studies. "This could spark something," she says.

"Giving up her Saturdays to attend class and take on extra homework says a lot about her commitment to this experience," says Gordon.

To donate to the garage sale, or the fundraising campaign, email clbgordon@hotmail.com

Marsh Mash!

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The 38th annual Marsh Mash - a morning of marathon Canoe and Kayak races held on the north canal of the Holland Marsh, May 14 - was dedicated to the memory of Scott Craig.

The son of long-time race organizer Iain Craig, Scott passed away on April 27 at the age of only 41 - leaving his family shattered, and this year's Marsh Mash in doubt.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and OMCRA (Ontario Marathon Canoe & Kayak Racing Association), stepped up to provide the staff and volunteers to shift the burden from Iain Craig, and ensure the racing could go ahead - not only the ICF qualifiers for the World Championship canoe and kayak races taking place in Germany this September, but also recreational classes.

Craig addressed the paddlers, at a race preparation meeting held inside Springdale Christian Reformed Church just before the start of the event. "We have some of the best marathon paddlers in the world," he said, noting that the Mash attracts canoeists and kayakers of all ages and abilities. "We have some paddlers who are potentially going off to the Olympics." Craig acknowledged his loss, just weeks earlier. "My son, who was a very active paddler as a Jun-



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Line up at the starting line on the North Canal at Springdale Christian Reformed Church - Jr. ICF marathon kayak class and C2 canoe class, during the Marsh Mash in Bradford, Ont. on Saturday May 14, 2016.

ior, would have probably said go ahead, so we're doing that.

"The race must go ahead."

Nearly 100 paddlers participated in 22K, 18K, 9 and 6K races, for C1, C2, kayak, stand-up paddleboards and outriggers, despite chilly temperatures, rain and gusting winds.

"This is a very important event for Bradford West Gwillimbury," noted Mayor Rob Keffer, noting that when the 40th Annual Marsh Mash takes place, in 2 years time, the Town hopes that the full 28 km of canals encircling the Holland Marsh will be available for the races.

The very first Marsh Mash, 38 years ago, required paddlers to make the full circuit - mashing their way through the weeds and shallows, and giving the race its name.



Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer joins Iain Craig in welcoming paddlers to the Holland Marsh for the annual Marsh Mash, in Bradford, Ont. on Saturday May 14, 2016.



The start of the Jr. ICF kayak race, a qualifier for the World Championships, during the 38th Annual Marsh Mash in Bradford, Ont. on Saturday May 14, 2016.

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PALS in the playgrounds

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

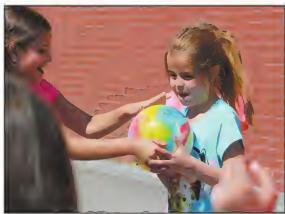
One of the best ways to beat bullying at school is to have kids engaged, openly communicating – and give older students a role as student leaders.

The PALS program (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) does just that. It trains students in Grades 6 and 7 to play a leadership role, leading activities and games at recess, and keeping kids in JK/SK through the Primary grades active.

PALS was developed by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, which provides teacher-leader training, workbooks and game ideas. The program was introduced at local elementary schools, including St. Charles and St. Jean de Brebeuf, last year. This year, it came to St. Angela Merici School.

"Because we are a new school, we really want to introduce PALS, make it part of our culture," says Vice Principal Sisle Rego-Newton. "To promote inclusivity. To promote fair play. A way to make everyone feel welcome, and safe."

It's also a step towards "Healthy School" designation. St. Angela Merici is already a "Walking School," encouraging students to walk to class every Wednesday. Having a program that introduces lively games in the school-



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Kids play a circle game at recess, thanks to the PALS program at St. Angela Merici Catholic School.

yard at recess is part of a focus on active living.

There are 60 students in Grades 6 and 7 who have signed up as PALS leaders, enough to create 14 teams – each team filling one shift per week.

Trained by Rego-Newton, and teachers Katie Aguzzo, Maria Vetro, Pam Marchand and Corinne Reynolds, the young PALS leaders, identified by

their armbands and flags, create their own announcements, meeting every Friday to discuss issues, make suggestions, choose a game of the week, and a PALS leader of the week.

At the end of the year, PALS participants will receive a certificate – but that's secondary to what happens in the playground, as PALS volunteers become leaders and role models.

New immigrant support group in Bradford

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

Coming to Canada as an immigrant can be a challenge – learning a new language, a new culture; leaving family behind.

A new Immigrant Support Group is starting up at BICS, Bradford Immigrant & Community Services, to provide a safe and supportive environment where immigrants can address feelings of isolation, unresolved trauma, and challenges in adapting to their new country.

The Immigrant Support Group will offer a forum where immigrants can get together in a social setting, for emotional support, to share coping strategies, and to learn more about the resources and services available in the area.

Most importantly, says facilitator Denise Bertoldi, they will discover "they are not alone. They can find any kind of support in the community."

Bertoldi, who has a background in psychology, hopes the group will build connections within the community, and providing a healing environment – for men, women, and youth, dealing with the stresses of acculturation.

The free Immigrant Support Group will meet on the fourth Tues-



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Denise Bertoldi is the facilitator for the new Immigrant Support Group in Bradford.

day of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 11 Holland St. East in Bradford. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 24. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact BICS at 905-775-3343, or email bicsregister@gmail.com, or inquiries@bradfordimmigrant.com. Program made possible through funding from the County of Simcoe.

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Tire Take Back time

The 2016 Tire Take Back invites residents to safely dispose of used tires, and help make dreams come true for children with life-threatening illnesses or severe disabilities.

An initiative of the Ontario Automotive Recyclers Association (OARA) and Ontario Tire Stewardship, Tire Take Back invites citizens to drop off their used tires at designated dropots – in this area, Cookstown Auto Centre Ltd., at 5946 Silverwood 5 just outside of Cookstown. For every tire dropped off, a donation will be made to Sunshine foundation, which has been making dreams for kids come true since 1987.

The Tire Take Back starts at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, and continues until 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. Participating recyclers across the province will be accepting car, light truck and agricultural tires, during business hours. For more information, see www.sunshine.ca/tiretakeback or rethinktires.ca

Spring tree-planting in Bradford

The Spring Tree-Planting event, organized by the South Simcoe Streams Network, will take place on Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to noon along Fraser Creek, beside Home Depot in Bradford. Planters will include Team Home Depot volunteers. To sign up, contact Silvia Pedraza at silvia@thatswaga.com or 705-435-1540 ext. 102.

Returns for Leukemia Bottle Drive

On May 28, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., all Beer Store locations in Ontario will be accepting empty alcohol containers for a special cause, during the Returns for Leukemia Bottle Drive. All of the money from donated returns will be directed to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada, to fund blood cancer research, and provide support services to patients, survivors and their families.

There are an estimated 110,000 Canadians living with or in remission from a blood cancer. Almost 50% of all cancers in children 14 and under are classed as leukemia or lymphoma. And every 25 minutes, a new patient is diagnosed; every 75 minutes, someone dies from a blood cancer.

The Beer Store and United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 12924 (UFCW), representing 7,000 Beer Store employees, launched the Bottle Drive in 2006. Since then, the one-day Returns for Leukemia Bottle Drive has raised over \$11 million. Be part of the effort to conquer cancer, and light blood cancers, by dropping off empty alcohol containers at The Beer Store. For more information, see www.bottledrive.ca.

Farmers markets re-opening

The East Gwillimbury Farmers' Market opens for the season at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, at Green Lane Commons, 18277 Yonge St.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Farmers' Market will open on Saturday, May 28 for another season. The Market returns to the parking lot beside the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Innisfil Farmers' Market returns to the Innisfil Recreation Complex north parking lot on Thursday, June 16. The market will be open every Thursday, from 2 to 6 p.m. Opening Day will feature a Buttertart Festival!

Community Listings

THURS., MAY 19

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK, NEWMARKET SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at the Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive, Halls 4-5, Meet & Greet at 5:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Dr. Gavgoski of the Cancer Immunotherapy Centre is guest speaker. See www.newmarketprostatecancer.com.

SAT., MAY 21

PERENNIALS PLUS PLANT SALE: The Bradford United Church hosts its 13th annual sale of perennials, irises, lilies, hostas and more perennials, plus annuals, 8 a.m. to noon at the church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford.

GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS PLANT SALE: At 4198 County Rd. 88, starting at 8 a.m. - perennials and annuals, for sale raising money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa.

PEROGY DINNER: St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, hosts another great Perogy Dinner, from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinners are \$10-\$12. \$4 for a small regular-table meal, including perogies, salad, sausage or meat on a stick, and dessert. Side orders of cabbage rolls, Borscht and sausage are also available for a nominal fee. Come and support the renovation of the church.

MON., MAY 23

PRAYER SERVICE TO ST. JUDE: The Youth Group of the Eparchy of Toronto will visit St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic

Church, 56 Heam St. in Bond Head, 12 to 2:30 p.m. to host a complimentary lunch and prayer service (Moleben) to St. Jude. All welcome.

THURS., MAY 26

RAIN BARRELS & GARDENING WORKSHOP: At the Lakeshore Public Library in Alcona, Innisfil, 7 p.m. Innisfil will bring rainbarrels, available for \$50 - with \$5 from every sale going to the Friends of the Innisfil Public Library. See Waters Short Story Competition for children - and Bridget Indelicato of the Seed Library present the workshop.

SCHOMBERG AGRICULTURAL SPRING FAIR: May 26-29 at the Schomberg Fairgrounds. Includes Midway, Homecraft exhibits, Friday Night Demolition Derby, Saturday Grand Parade at 11 a.m. See schombergfair.com for details.

BHDS PLANT AUCTION: The Bond Head & District Horticultural Society hosts its annual Plant Auction at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, starting at 7 p.m. A great way to find new plants for this garden. All welcome!

SAT., MAY 28

Giant Plant, Tailgate Sale and BBQ: The Gifford & District Horticultural Society hosts the event at the South Innisfil Arboretum, Shoreacres Drive at 20 Sidemount Innisfil, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Vendors, contact Judith Matcchett at 705-456-3299 to reserve a space.

Giant Parking Lot Garage Sale: St. James United Church,

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2230 Victoria St. in Stroud, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors wanted; call Heather at 705-436-5225.
ALCONA'S BIGGEST YARD SALE: At Crossroads Plaza, 1070 Innisfil Beach Road, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors please call 705-718-2825 to book a space.
TREASURE SALE: At Bradford United Church, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Members' treasures can be yours for a donation to the church, located at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford - or rent a table and hold your own garage sale, only \$15. Call 905-775-7268 to reserve.

ROTARY FUN RUN & WALKATHON: Raising money for the new Rotary Trail, the 5K or 10K Run, Walkathon, and children's mini-run take place at Innisfil Beach Park. Sign-in begins at 7 a.m., opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m., Run at 9 a.m. BBQ, vendors, prizes. Registration is \$35 adults, \$10 for children 7-12; to register go to raceroster.com/5167 or contact Rick Elsmore, rotaryinnisfil@gmail.com or 647-881-9082.

COASTOWN SPLASH PAD PICNIC: The Cookstown Branch of Commerce invites the community to an old-fashioned picnic, at the splash

pad beside the Cookstown Library, Games, activities, bounce castle, magic show, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. as the Splash pad opens for the season.

WALL OF HONOUR: The Museum on the Byrme, 250 Fletcher Cres. in Alton, inducts two new names into the Wall of Honour, recognizing champions of history and heritage - the late Ron Simpson, and David Chambers. 1 p.m.

BWG Local History ASSOCIATION MEETS: Guest speaker is Joe Zajack, on "Bradford Memorabilia," at the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, at 2 p.m. Refreshments.

TULIP TIME TEA: Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, 62 Church St., hosts a Tea and Bake Sale, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$10 per person, \$5 for children 10 and under. Wear your best spring bonnet! For tickets contact Cheryl MacPhail, 905-753-3134 or Lorna Odelvire, 905-853-8170. Door prizes.

EUCHRE PARTY: Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., hosts a Euchre Party, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Church, \$10 per person, at the door, for cards, refreshments and prizes. All welcome.

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Concert for Aaron

Aaron Lamarche is an eight-year-old Grade 3 student at Beaver Central Public School, in Essa Township.

He's a lovely eight-year-old, and loves the things that any eight-year-old loves - but in Nov. 2015, he was diagnosed with Ependymoma, a cancer of the brain and spinal cord.

After lengthy surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children, Aaron underwent six weeks of intense radiation therapy. It left him weak and fatigued, and without an appetite - but did not halt the spread of the cancer.

Aaron is being raised by

his grandparents, for reasons beyond the control of his family. All of their efforts are spent ensuring that the young boy has a quality of life as close to that of any eight-year-old as possible, but funds are tight.

Vocal teacher Suzanne Grendin and her students will be performing a benefit concert for Aaron, Saturday, June 4 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 Sideroad and Line 6 in Bradford, at 2 p.m. Admission is by donation.

The family has set up a GoFundMe page, at gofundme.com, usqp.net/?v=go with the goal of raising \$20,000.

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The team is now gearing up for its season opener in Bracebridge, next week.



Briefs

Hiking in nature

Mayor's Hike for Health

Sunday, May 22 is Trails Day in Bradford West Gwillimbury. Join Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Kellier and members of the council for the annual Mayor's Hike for Health at the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, starting at 10 a.m. at the Nature Centre, off Line 9B/W.G. Choose a guided hike of 1K, 1.5K or 2K, accompanied by staff from the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority. Bradford Scouts will be on hand to demonstrate orienteering skills. Complimentary barbecue at noon. Admission to the conservation Area is \$30 per vehicle – no pre-

registration required. Rain or shine – unless there are thunderstorms!

Walk the Spine of Bradford

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Active Transportation & Recreation Committee invites the community to its 3rd annual Walk the Spine Trail Walk, on Saturday, June 11. Meet at 11 a.m. at the front entrance of the Bradford Farmers' Market (at the Library, 425 Holland St. West) to walk a portion of the trail system that stretches from the Cootes Paradise Drive in the North to Ashford Rd. The committee will be accompanying the hike. For more information, contact Nick Warman, 905-775-7529 ext. 8501.

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Ready to take Steps for Change, and walk for Save the Mothers at St. John's Presbyterian Church on Saturday May 7.

Taking steps to Save the Mothers

MILLAN KING
Bradford Times

The World Health Organization estimates that 800 women die every day, as a result of complications during pregnancy or childbirth. The statistics actually represent a giant step forward, just years earlier, the number was closer to 1,450 per day.

Save the Mothers has contributed to the change. Established to educate those in a position of power or influence, Save the Mothers

trains its graduates to make informed decisions that promote maternal health in their communities.

Offered to politicians, doctors and nurses, local civic leaders, the Save the Mothers program is based in Uganda, but students are coming from across Africa," says Dr. Daniel Scott, minister at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, and Managing Director of Save the Mothers. "Almost 500... have taken the program so far."

It's a different approach to

health care, one that equips the participants to find their own solutions to issues of health care, mortality and morbidity, within the context of their local communities. "It's African solutions for African problems..." It's sustainable," Dr. Scott says.

A new book, "The Game Changers," outlines some of the successful actions that have been introduced by graduates of the Save the Mothers program - but there is still a long way to go, says Dr. Scott, before the numbers

approach Canadian standards. In all of Canada, there were 14 deaths of women last year, due to complications in pregnancy or childbirth.

Dr. Scott notes that news media would treat the crash of a jumbo jet with 400 aboard as a major catastrophe; the mortality rates for pregnant women in Africa are equivalent to twice that kind of catastrophe "every day."

The chief cause of death is delay, he says - delay in the home, discouraging women

from seeking medical assistance; delay on the road, due to distance from medical facilities; delay in hospital, due to shortages of staff and equipment. And delays in labour contribute not only to mortality but to "morbidity" - long term health issues that include fistulas, causing leaks in the bladder or colon, that can result in women being treated as pariahs, when all that is needed is "a couple of stitches" to repair the damage.

On May 7, his church

hosted the 'Steps for Change' Mother's Day Walk, raising funds for the program. Walkers of all ages walked 5 km. on a dirt road - the average distance that African women in labour walk to reach medical aid. Some carried a watermelon, representing the extra burden of pregnancy.

Bradford was one of 20 communities across the country hosting the Walk. Last year, Steps for Change raised over \$75,000 - \$3,500 in Bradford alone.



Dr. Daniel Scott with Erum Sher, and Ayesha, 8, walking to Save the Mothers in Bradford on Saturday.



Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott, with new book "The Game Changers", about graduates of the Save the Mothers program, and how they are changing the statistics for pregnant women in Africa - at the 'Steps for Change' walk in Bradford on Saturday.

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